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(EISENHOWER)

WASHINGTON--FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SAID YESTERDAY THAT THIS WAS NOT THE TIME TO BE "BADGERING" PRESIDENT KENNEDY ABOUT THE CUBAN SITUATION.

EISENHOWER SAID HE FOUND ON HIS CAMPAIGN TRIPS FOR GOP CANDIDATES THAT MOST PEOPLE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT CUBA, "AND THIS I JUST REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT."

"I THINK AT THIS POINT NO MATTER HOW BAD A MISTAKE OF THE PAST MIGHT BE CAUSED BY SOMEONE ELSE, I THINK IT IS NOT THE TIME TO BE BADGERING THE ADMINISTRATION ON WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO NEXT," EISENHOWER SAID ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW (POLITICS '62--ABC).

EISENHOWER DID NOT EXPRESS IRRITATION AT KENNEDY, HOWEVER, FOR CRITICIZING HIS FOREIGN POLICY RECORD.

EISENHOWER SAID HE RECENTLY ATTACKED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S FOREIGN POLICY RECORD IN A BOSTON SPEECH BECAUSE HE FELT EARLIER COMMENTS ABOUT HIS RECORD IN THE WHITE HOUSE HAD BEEN "UNFAIR."

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